(b) if so, what are the names of the cities which have been declared/identified as Heritage cities;

(c) whether Government intend to declare Jaipur as a Heritage city; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANT KUMAR): (a) to (d) There is no provision in the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 to declare any city as a heritage city. Therefore, such a declaration necessitates a new legislation or amendment to the aforesaid Act. Further declaration of a whole city as a protected monument will give rise to many practical problems of town planning and enforcement.

Non-inclusion of Kerala in golden quadrilateral Road Project

*73. SHRI M.J. VARKEY MATTATHIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the reasons for not considering the State of Kerala, which plays an important role in the export of cash crops such as species to all over the world, in the area of the Golden Quadrilateral which is not touching the coastal areas of Kanyakumari, Trivandrum, Cochin, Calicut, Mangalore and Goa?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): The Golden Quadrilateral connects the four Metropolitan cities of the country *viz.* Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai and Delhi. Selection of this alignment has been fixed keeping in view volume of traffic and also potential for generating and attracting higher traffic on the roads linking these four cities. The cities mentioned in the question have lower volume of traffic than the alignment which has now been selected.

Maintenance of Vijaynagar Kingdom at Hampi ruins

*74. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Karnataka Government has requested the Centre to initiate steps with the UNESCO to maintain the ruins of the